

that is unmatched, and who demanded excellence from himself and others.

Brandon has been an accomplished manager, first of my campaign and for the last 4 years, of my entire congressional staff.

When you are elected as a freshman, you are often advised to not hire your campaign manager as your chief, but I did not listen, thankfully.

I knew I needed someone who knew Nevada's Third Congressional District, who always had my back, who knew me, and knew how to get things done. My office was better for it, but most importantly, my constituents were better for it.

Brandon, it has been a good run. Wishing you all the best.

#### 106TH ANNIVERSARY OF PUERTO RICO'S U.S. CITIZENSHIP

(Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 106th anniversary of the people of Puerto Rico being granted their U.S. citizenship.

Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory in 1898. In 1906, President Roosevelt called on Congress to confer U.S. citizenship to Puerto Ricans. On March 2, 1917, the Jones Act was signed into law.

We are proud American citizens, and we are proud of the contributions we have made to this great Nation. More than 235,000 Puerto Rican servicemembers have served and have fought in every military conflict that our Nation has had since World War I.

However, although we are U.S. citizens, the Federal Government often treats us unequally. I live on the island, and I can tell you that we no longer want to be treated differently.

We want the same rights and responsibilities as our fellow citizens in the States, which can only be achieved with statehood.

Like Congress acted 106 years ago to grant us our cherished American citizenship, Congress has an obligation to act again and make us a permanent part of the Union as the 51st State.

#### CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor women in America and abroad by commemorating Women's History Month.

Today and always, we honor the brave, courageous, and fearless women who have made this Nation so great; to name a few: Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Dolores Huerta, Celia Cruz, the hidden figures such as Mary Jackson and Katherine Johnson, and most recently, Madam Speaker Emerita NANCY

PELOSI, who was the first woman to serve as Speaker of this House.

From the women in leadership roles on my staff who help respond every single day to the needs of my constituents, to the women who tirelessly uplift our families and our communities, we cannot imagine a world without the leadership of women.

It fills me with great pride to represent a district that is over 52 percent female. Women get things done—period, and they do it better than us men.

Happy Women's History Month, Madam Speaker.

#### CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mrs. MCCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the month of March as Women's History Month. This is a time dedicated to recognizing and honoring the women throughout American history who have helped shape our Nation.

Let me be clear: I do mean Women's History Month. Women have been fighting for over a century for our right to vote, our right to be heard, and our right to have a seat at the table.

Now, the woke left is claiming that instead of celebrating women this month, we should be celebrating birthing people.

Well, last I checked, the only person who could actually give birth was a woman, but let's not let the facts get in the way of a good story.

They claim the phrase "woman" is offensive to trans women, and because of that, we should choose a more inclusive phrase.

Well, let me just say: I will be celebrating Women's History Month. I will not celebrate the woke left forcing the rest of America to call a man a woman, especially when these men are actively threatening women's rights by demanding to be allowed to compete in sports against biological women like Riley Gaines.

So congratulations to all the women.

#### RAIL SAFETY REGULATIONS

(Mr. LANDSMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the folks in East Palestine, Ohio, and for bipartisan congressional action on 21st century rail safety regulations.

On February 3, 38 train cars derailed in East Palestine, Ohio; 11 of them carrying highly explosive material. There was a massive explosion, and the community has been reeling ever since.

Congressman BILL JOHNSON pulled the entire Ohio delegation together, Republicans and Democrats, to ask FEMA for additional action.

FEMA's response: Full aid will be provided, and teams are on the ground to help now.

While Norfolk Southern will be responsible for making East Palestine whole, we must now act to ensure this never happens again.

Congress, all of us, Republicans and Democrats, need to pass a bipartisan package that ensures safety from the wheel bearings to the brakes, from the detectors to the placards, for more frequent and comprehensive inspections to clearer communications with our communities.

We must do this for the folks in East Palestine, for Cincinnati and southwest Ohio, and for every community in this great country of ours.

#### HONORING STEWART McNALLY

(Mr. MILLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLS. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor Stewart McNally, a United States Army veteran who sadly passed away last summer.

Before he began his honorable service in the United States Army in the late 1960s, Stewart was the captain of the Arthur Hill Tech football team and went on to work at GM shortly after graduating.

He served honorably, and after his service in uniform, he came to Florida in my district to begin another kind of service, his family.

He moved to Florida's Seventh to take care of his elderly father, another civil servant, who served in the United States Army during World War II.

His friends and family remember him as a loyal friend with a great sense of humor. He loved to cycle, fish, and run in his free time.

Stewart is survived by his son, Jacob, and I am honored to help celebrate his life and incredible service to the United States of America.

#### WORKERS FEEL LEFT BEHIND

(Mr. SORENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SORENSEN. Madam Speaker, I have heard from so many working families across central and northwestern Illinois who feel like they are left behind.

Big corporations report record profits while workers struggle to make ends meet. Let's remember that it was the American worker who built this country, and it was the workers coming together to bargain collectively who built a strong middle class.

The PRO Act is the most significant update to workers' rights in 80 years, and it couldn't come soon enough.

When workers have the power to stand together and form a union, they get higher wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions.